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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 64, further comprising:
determining a local availability of the service; and
wherein the step of searching the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function is performed when the service is not locally available.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 64, further comprising:
finding a first revision of the service that is locally available; and
wherein the step of searching at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function further comprises searching the at least one remote device for a second revision of the service that is later than the first revision.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 64, further comprising:
automatically downloading the service from the at least one remote device when the service is found thereon;
automatically installing the service in the processor based system; and
performing the processing function.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 64, further comprising:
requesting a performance of the processing function on the at least one remote device when the service is found thereon; and
storing a data result in the processor based system, the data result having been generated by the at least one remote device and received therefrom by the processor based system.

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6. (Currently Amended) A The method for obtaining a service, comprising the steps of: of claim 1,

identifying a service needed to perform a processing function in a processor based system coupled to a network;

searching at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function; and

wherein the step of searching the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function further comprises consulting a directory that associates the service with the at least one remote device.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of identifying the service needed to perform the processing function in the processor based system coupled to the network further comprises examining a digital document to determine a font included therein, wherein the service is a font and the processing function entails rendering the digital document.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of searching the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function when the service is not locally available further comprises:

determining whether the font is stored in a font directory in the processor based system;

searching the at least one remote device on the network for the font when the font is not stored in the font directory;

automatically downloading the font from the at least one remote device when the font is found thereon; and

automatically installing the font in the processor based system.

9. (Canceled)

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10. (Currently Amended) The program stored on the computer readable medium of claim 149, further comprising:
code that determines a local availability of the service; and
wherein the code that searches the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function executes when the service is not locally available.

11. (Currently Amended) The program stored on the computer readable medium of claim 149, further comprising:
code that finds a first revision of the service that is locally available;
and
wherein the code that searches the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function further comprises code that searches the at least one remote device for a second revision of the service that is later than the first revision.

12. (Currently Amended) The program stored on the computer readable medium of claim 149, further comprising:
code that automatically downloads the service from the at least one remote device when the service is found thereon; and
code that automatically installs the service in the processor based system.

13. (Currently Amended) The program stored on the computer readable medium of claim 149, further comprising:
code that requests a performance of the processing function on the at least one remote device when the service is found thereon; and
code that stores a data result in the processor based system, the data result having been generated by the at least one remote device and received therefrom by the processor based system.



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14. (Currently Amended) A The program stored on a the computer readable medium for obtaining a service, comprising: of claim 9,
code that identifies a service needed to perform a processing function
in a processor based system coupled to a network;
code that searches at least one remote device on the network for the
service to perform the processing function; and
wherein the code that searches the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function further comprises code that consults a directory that associates the service with the at least one remote device.

15. (Original) The program stored on the computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein the code that identifies the service needed to perform the processing function in the processor based system coupled to the network further comprises code that examines a digital document to determine a font included therein, wherein the service is a font and the processing function entails rendering the digital document.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2146, further comprising:
means for determining a local availability of the service; and
wherein the means for searching the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function is implemented when the service is not locally available.

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18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2146, further comprising:
means for finding a first revision of the service that is locally available;
and
wherein the means for searching the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function further comprises means for searching the at least one remote device for a second revision of the service that is later than the first revision.
19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2146, further comprising:
means for automatically downloading the service from the at least one remote device when the service is found thereon; and
means for automatically installing the service in the processor based system.
20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2146, further comprising:
means for requesting a performance of the processing function on the at least one remote device when the service is found thereon; and
means for storing a data result in the processor based system, the data result having been generated by the at least one remote device and received therefrom by the processor based system.
21. (Currently Amended) A The system for obtaining a service, comprising: of claim 16,
means for identifying a service needed to perform a processing function in a processor based system coupled to a network;
means for searching at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function; and
wherein the means for searching the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function further comprises means for consulting a directory that associates the service with the at least one remote device.

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22. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the means for identifying the service needed to perform the processing function in the processor based system coupled to the network further comprises means for examining a digital document to determine a font included therein, wherein the service is a font and the processing function entails rendering the digital document.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the means for searching the at least one remote device on the network for the service to perform the processing function when the service is not locally available further comprises:

- means for determining whether the font is stored in a font directory in the processor based system;
- means for searching the at least one remote device on the network for the font when the font is not stored in the font directory;
- means for automatically downloading the font from the at least one remote device when the font is found thereon; and
- means for automatically installing the font in the processor based system.

24. (Original) A method for obtaining a service, comprising:

- identifying whether a font is stored in a font directory accessible by a processor based system, the font being included in a document to be rendered by the processor based system, the processor based system being coupled to a network;
- consulting a directory that associates the font with at least one remote device coupled to a network to be searched for the font when the font is not stored in the font directory;
- searching the at least one remote device on the network for the font to render the document when the font is not stored in the font directory;
- automatically downloading the font from the at least one remote device if the font is found thereon;
- automatically installing the font in the processor based system; and
- performing the rendering operation using the font.

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25. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
presenting a manual search prompt on a display device associated
with the processor based system upon a failure to locate the service on the at least
one remote device; and
executing an application to perform a manual network search for the
service.

26. (New) The program stored on the computer readable medium of claim
14, further comprising:
code that generates a manual search prompt on a display device upon
a failure to locate the service on the at least one remote device; and
code that executes an application to perform a manual network search
for the service.

27. (New) The system of claim 21, further comprising:
means for generating a manual search prompt on a display device
upon a failure to locate the service on the at least one remote device; and
means for executing an application to perform a manual network
search for the service.